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1. U.S. Patent No. 4871399, which issued October 3, 1989 to Sugawara ET AL.
2. Japanese Patent Publication JP62-0263942, which was published on November 16, 1987 and the Applicant is Hitachi Metals Ltd.
3. Japanese Patent Publication JP09-263864, which was published on October 7, 1997 and the Applicant is Kobe Steel Ltd.

4. Japanese Patent Publication JP2001-181759, which was published on July 3, 2001 and the Applicant is Nippon Mining Co.
5. Japanese Patent Publication JP2002-038246, which was published on February 6, 2002 and the Applicant is Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.

The relevancy of these documents is that they were cited on the Search Report of a foreign patent application corresponding the present application. A brief description of the relevance of these documents i found on the last two pages of the attached IPER.

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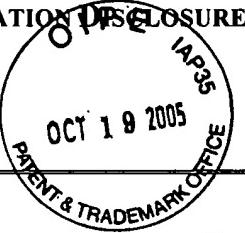


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